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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference(s) listed on the attached PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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The references were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.

US Published Application No. 2002/041420 A1, U.S. Patent 5,610,683, the Cerrina et al. article and the Singh-Gasson et al. article, also cited in the Search Report, were already submitted for consideration by the Examiner on March 30, 2004.

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